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REMARKS

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1. At about 3 p.m. on 15 February 1954, about 10 trucks carrying various pieces of equipment, and 6 field kitchens were seen in the yard of Infanterie Kaserne (8521) in Weissenfels. [redacted] At about 11:30 a.m. on 16 February, troops and materiel leaving the installation included: 25 trucks, each occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets towing 10 x 57-mm AT guns.

2. At about 10 a.m. on 16 February, about 25 trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 25 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and carrying full field equipment, left the Pionier Kaserne (8522) toward Naumburg. A short time later, the column was followed by 15 trucks [redacted] including 4 loaded with beams and 2 towing field kitchens and the remainder occupied by 20 to 25 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. At about 10:30 a.m., 10 trucks each occupied by about 20 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; [redacted] 3 trucks carrying ammunition boxes and 1 truck [redacted] carrying beams left the installation toward Merseburg. Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., about 15 trucks towing 12 guns [redacted] each truck occupied by about 20 troops wearing black-bordered crimson and red-bordered black epaulets; 4 trucks, towing 4 field [redacted]

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Comment. It is fairly definitely believed that the 174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, reinforced by the 932d AAA Br [redacted] of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, marched out for a major exercise. As, inspite of camouflage measures, [redacted] it appears that orders on camouflage were carried out very laxly. Weapons observed [redacted] clearly indicate the two above mentioned units.

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